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Vets' graveyards looted for scrap

Three women charged as grave robbers in massive theft Philly scrapyard gave NJ cemetery heads-up when suspect allegedly sold markers of military vets from Civil to Persian Gulf wars Trio were already banned from NJ scrapyards {page 04}

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Tourism. Zeppelin

The Farmers Airship sailed smoothly into Northeast Philadelphia Airport yesterday before giving Metro a tour of Philadelphia from 1,200 feet above the city. Check out the view and how much cash you'll need for a ride aboard the bulbous zeppelin. {page 02}

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Weiner: A liar and a cheat

Congressman admits Twitter crotch shot wasn't from hacker He's been having online affairs with six women {page 08}

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In the news

Abington sextuplets in ICU

Brendan and Stacey Carey of Feasterville announced that the babies are all in the intensive care unit after being born 11 weeks premature and weighing between 1 and 2 pounds each. The babies' names are Emma, Olivia, Samantha, Connor, Patrick and John. METRO/ALP

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Dykstra in legal trouble again

PHILADELPHIA. Lenny Dykstra was charged today with various charges by federal authorities who allege he and two others tried purchasing numerous vehicles with phony credit cards, according to reports yesterday.
METRO/BXM

Victim stabs alleged rapist

HUNTING PARK. A would-be rape victim got the upper hand on her attacker early yesterday when she stabbed the man during an attempted assault, according to reports.
METRO/SDL

Nutter to SRC: Time to crack your books

If school district wants last-minute emergency funding from city budget this year, Nutter demands more details Mayor also heads to Harrisburg today to talk about city-state relationship during Corbett term

Mayor Michael Nutter said yesterday he still supports his tax proposals to provide additional funding for the city school district despite news that full-day kindergarten will be preserved and the district is close to reaching a deal with SEPTA for student TransPasses.

The district said Friday it had received the OK from the state to use Title I funds to maintain full-day kindergarten. It is also in talks with SEPTA to delay its payment for passes until September 2012.

On Sunday, Nutter sent a letter to the School Reform Commission requesting that they sign an accountability agreement and detail how they would use additional funds before he signs off on new taxes. But in light of the recent news, Councilman Bill Green thinks the city can provide the extra funding needed without imposing new taxes. "[The city and school district] budgets total $6.5 billion — we can find savings of less than 1 percent even at this late date," Green said in a letter to Nutter, who has asked Council to approve a sugary beverages tax that would raise $60 million next fiscal year.

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▶ Nutter and Ackerman in happier times.

"The financial picture here has not changed. You can move dollars around internally, but nothing has been resolved here. The same needs that existed last week exist this week."
NUTTER, WHO WILL BE IN HARRISBURG THIS MORNING TO LOBBY STATE OFFICIALS ON THE DISTRICT'S BEHALF

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Layoffs, then no layoffs

CENTER CITY. Layoff notices given yesterday by the Philadelphia School District to more than 1,500 teachers were almost immediately rescinded temporarily through a court order.

Common Pleas Court Judge Idee Fox issued the temporary restraining order after the Philadelphia Federation of Teachers filed a motion to prohibit the layoffs they claim are inconsistent with the collective bargaining agreement.
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News in brief

Nutter staffer goes to college

CENTER CITY. Nutter's chief of staff Clarence Armbrister, whose last day is Friday, has taken a job as senior vice president and chief of staff to the president of Johns Hopkins University.

Armbrister will commute on weekends and begins his new post on July 11. His wife, Denise McGregor Armbrister, is a member of the School Reform Commission. METRO/SDL

Great white sighted off NJ

NEW JERSEY. The Coast Guard yesterday confirmed that a 12-foot great white shark was spotted Sunday in the waters off Island Beach State Park in Berkeley. The shark was spotted by a boater who saw the big fish about 200 feet off the coast. METRO/ALP

Extended bar hours pitched

CITY HALL. Stay out later to support city schools? Councilwoman Blondell Reynolds took to Twitter and Facebook on Friday to gauge public interest on keeping bars open until 3 a.m on the weekends to help close the school district's $600 million deficit. METRO/ALP

Stolen from a graveyard, found at Philly scrapyard

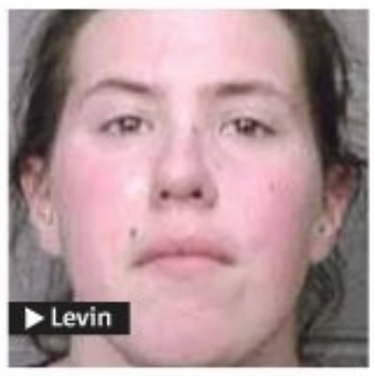
- Scrapyard reported receiving hundreds of stolen metal grave markers
- Three women, already banned from NJ scrapyards, charged in thefts

Three South Jersey women were arrested yesterday for stealing commemorative military markers from cemeteries and selling them to a scrapyard.

The owner became suspicious after buying a large number of grave markers from the women. "Nobody has mass quantities of these types of things," Cinnaminson, N.J., Sgt. William Covert said.

After some coaxing, one of the women claimed that her cousin worked at the Lakeview Cemetery in Cinnaminson and had been given the markers.

"The owner was very cooperative. He set the markers aside ... so they wouldn't go to another scrapyard, who would take in back and melt them down," Covert said. "This guy is a rarity. He's the exception, rather than the norm."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Video footage led officers to Arielle Levin, 19, of Palmyra, Tosha Fugett, 25, of Riverside and Jamie Babcock, 25, of Bellmawr. The women were banned from a Pennsauken scrapyard in June after being arrested in a similar incident. Though the scrapyard owner paid the women $1,600 for the memorabilia, its retail value is estimated to be much higher, about $175 each.

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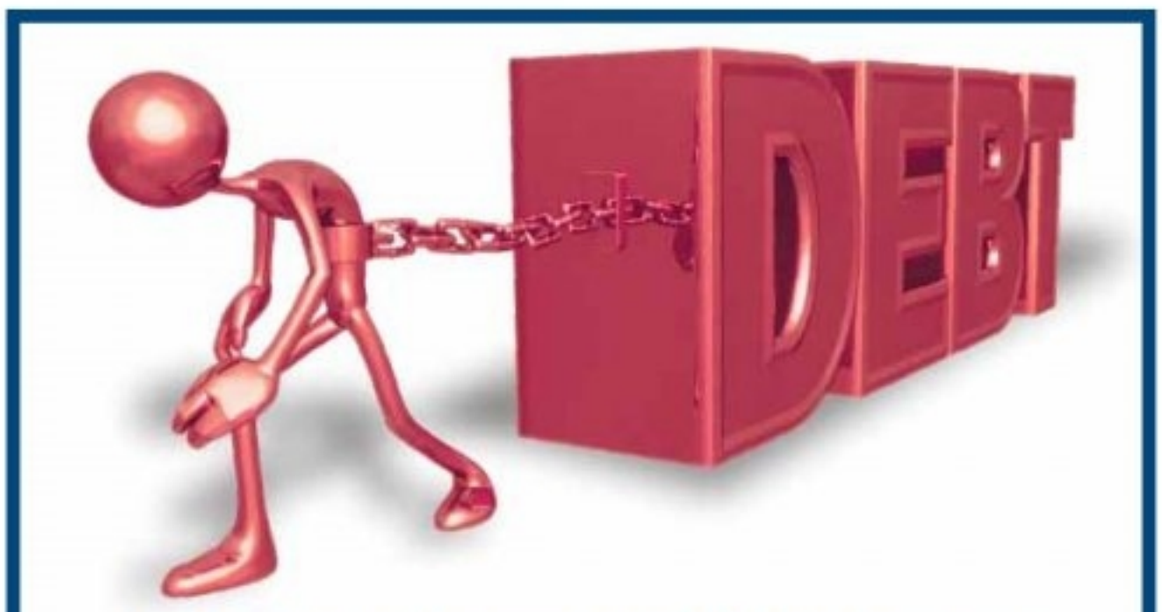

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JOBS LIFTS FOG

Ill Apple CEO takes to the stage to announce new Mac features, including iCloud sharing platform, new iOS and Lion Plus: News from the E3 gadgets expo

Apple CEO Steve Jobs introduced his company's latest, highly anticipated project, iCloud, yesterday at Apple's Worldwide Developers Conference in San Francisco. The free service automatically synchronizes users' music, documents, photos, mail, calendar, contacts, apps and iBooks, backing up all content — all via Apple's servers. It will be available this fall, Apple reports.

"We're going to move the center of your digital life into the cloud," Jobs told the audience of developers and journalists. "If I get something on my iPhone, those pictures are in the cloud and they are now pushed down to my devices completely automatically. And now everything's in sync, without me even having to think about it."

"Some people think the cloud is just a hard disk in the sky," he continued, to laughter. "Take a bunch of stuff ... and it transfers it ... and you drag it out. We think it's way more than that. It's completely integrated with your apps. So everything happens automatically, and there's nothing new to learn. It just all works."

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"Some people think the cloud is just a hard disk in the sky. ... We think it's way more than that. ... There's nothing new to learn. It just all works." STEVE JOBS

▶ Apple CEO Steve Jobs returned from sick leave to deliver the keynote address at the 2011 Apple World Wide Developers Conference in San Francisco, California.

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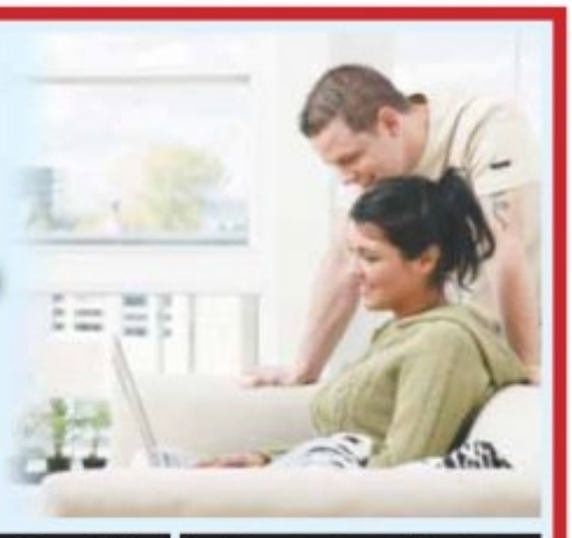

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ON ICLOUD

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duced a new operating system, dubbed Lion, which has "250 new features," according to the senior vice president of worldwide product marketing, Phil Schiller, who demonstrated windows without scroll bars (you zoom in with your fingers, using programming called Gestures).

Lion will be available in July for $29.99. Apple also introduced a new iOS for iPhone, which will allow you to sync your device via Wi-Fi — no cords. It also debuts this fall.

But it's the iCloud that is generating the most headlines today.

Earlier this year, Amazon introduced a cloud service that allows users to stream music from their collections to an Android-based phone. Another service, Google Music, does the same — offering free storage for as many as 20,000 songs.

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Social cache

For the iPhone and iPad, executives described how the fifth version of the iOS software will feature drop-down notifications for everything from Twitter feeds to Facebook alerts, plus new applications such as Safari tab browsing.

What it means for iTunes

Users of iOS devices can look forward to these new features:

- Download music to multiple devices at no charge
- Re-download previously purchased music to your new devices by pressing a "cloud" button
- Sync music to up to 10 separate devices
- Using the new iTunes Match, Apple will scan users' libraries and find songs they may have burned from a CD or bought elsewhere, allowing them to use their version — so they don't have to upload every single tune. That feature will cost $24.99 yearly.

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▶ Looks like someone is hyping a new zombie game at the Electronic Entertainment Expo in Los Angeles.

Three at E3

LOS ANGELES. Apple isn't the only tech company making news this week. The Electronic Entertainment Expo starts today in Los Angeles, California. Here are three of the most-anticipated announcements:

A new Nintendo
Is it a new version of the Wii, or something simply called "Nintendo"? We're excited to find out, as the next-generation console is meant to appeal to longtime gamers, not just families and "Wii Fit" lovers.

'Star Wars Kinect'
Have you ever wanted to use the force to game — just push your hands out and knock over some droids? Now you can with this new title, for the Xbox's hands-free Kinect system.

Portable Playstation?
Word is Sony will introduce a new handheld game device, although details are sketchy. (Will it be in 3-D? A tablet?) Whatever it is, we want one. MWN/SC

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For 28-year-old Orleans graduate, and new mom, Chiara Ulvi, working as an independent contractor allows her the "flexibility to choose my own schedule" and apply her stenography skills to an array of specialized services. She may be hired to transcribe a deposition one day, and another day she could provide realtime captioning at a convention or seminar. She can choose to work full-time or part-time. Plus, she can take her skills one step further…into her home office. She can telecommute by transcribing pre-recorded arbitrations, committee hearings, or court proceedings.

2006 Orleans court reporting grad, Laura Greene, works as a CART (Communication Access Realtime Translation) provider, transcribing college lectures for students who are hard-of-hearing or deaf. She can sit beside a student who views a laptop that is streaming Greene's instant, word-for-word transcription of the class discussion. This live transcription service can also be provided from home by receiving a live feed from a professor who is wearing a microphone.

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Santorum launches bid for White House

Former Pa. senator 'in it to win it' Pledges conservative policies and Medicare reform Says Obama 'robbed people of their freedom' Long way to go to beat other GOP hopefuls

Former Sen. Rick Santorum launched a long-shot Republican bid for president yesterday, pledging an unflinching commitment to conservative policies, including a Medicare reform plan that has proved unpopular with voters.

"We're going to be in this race, and we're in it to win," Santorum told ABC's "Good Morning America" in an interview from his home state of Pennsylvania.

"What people are looking for is someone who has stood by their principles in good times and in bad," he said before formally launching his 2012 White House bid.

Santorum, 53, known for staunchly conservative positions on welfare reform, abortion rights and homosexuality, criticized President Barack Obama for shattering the faith of voters who elected him in 2008.

"The president took that faith the American public gave him and wrecked our economy and centralized power in Washington, D.C., and robbed people of their freedom," he said as he declared his candidacy in Somerset, Pa.

Santorum has been campaigning in states with early contests on the road to the 2012 Republican presidential nomination, including New Hampshire and South Carolina, where he won informal Republican straw polls.

But he is at the bottom of the Republican pack in the national race for the party's nomination to challenge Obama, a Democrat seeking re-election next year. Santorum garnered only 2 percent support in a Gallup poll of Republicans last month.

Santorum hopes to build momentum for his campaign by winning the support of social and religious conservatives who play an influential role in the early voting states of Iowa and South Carolina. REUTERS

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▶ Former U.S. Senator Rick Santorum announced yesterday he is running for the Republican nomination for U.S. president on the steps of the Somerset County courthouse in Somerset, Pa.

The field

Other current Republican contenders include:

- Former House of Representatives Speaker Newt Gingrich
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▶ Buffett

Buffett lunch bids top $2M

NEW YORK. Double-dip recession or not, people will still pay any price to have lunch with Warren Buffett.

The annual charity auction for lunch with the legendary 80-year-old investor began on Sunday night, and by midday on Monday, bids already topped $2 million. The six bids placed thus far have come from two anonymous bidders.

Proceeds of the auction benefit the San Francisco charity GLIDE, which runs programs including meals and healthcare for the poor and homeless. REUTERS

No E.coli in tested bean sprouts

BIENENBUETTEL, GERMANY. German scientists found no traces of E.coli bacteria at an organic vegetable farm believed to be the source of an outbreak that has killed 22 people, but said this did not mean their suspicions were wrong.

Even though first lab tests on bean sprouts from the farm were negative, officials said they were not surprised because any contaminated produce could have been long since distributed. REUTERS

DSK: Not guilty in sex case

NEW YORK. Former IMF chief Dominique Strauss-Kahn pleaded not guilty yesterday to charges he sexually assaulted a New York hotel maid in a case that cost him his job and a chance at the French presidency. Strauss-Kahn, 62, faces up to 25 years in prison if convicted on charges including attempted rape, sex abuse, a criminal sex act, unlawful imprisonment and forcible touching. REUTERS

Rep. Weiner admits Web sex affairs while married

Rep. Anthony Weiner yesterday tearfully admitted having a number of online sex relationships with women over the Internet, saying he was deeply ashamed of his actions but would not resign.

Weiner, a New York Democrat and a leading liberal voice in the House of Representatives who is expected to run for mayor of New York City in 2013, also admitted to inappropriate Internet and telephone conversations with six women — but said none of them developed into a physical relationship.

"I'm deeply regretting what I have done and I'm not resigning," Weiner told a news conference while wiping away tears.

"The picture was of me and I sent it," he said of an image sent over Twitter of a man in his underpants, which sparked the scandal more than a week ago.

"This was a very dumb thing to do and it was a very destructive thing to do," he said, stressing that he has never had sex with a woman other than his wife since he was married. REUTERS

Ethics probe

U.S. House Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi has called for an ethics panel probe into Weiner's conduct after he admitted having Internet sexual relationships with a number of women.

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▶ Weiner and his wife Huma Abedin were married in a ceremony officiated by former President Bill Clinton.

Groupon chief predicts profit

SAN FRANCISCO. Groupon Inc. Chairman Eric Lefkofsky said he expects the money-losing daily coupon provider, which filed on June 2 to sell shares to the public, to be "wildly profitable." Lefkofsky, who cofounded Groupon and is its biggest shareholder, made the comments on June 3 in response to questions about businesses that he previously ran or founded. BLOOMBERG

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Talking points

Sarandon a hands-on mom

When it comes to **Eva Amurri**'s upcoming wedding to soccer player **Kyle Martino**, she's more than happy to hand off tasks her mother, **Susan Sarandon**, according to People magazine. "She's so organized. If she asks me, then I do it," Sarandon says. "She told me to find the cake topper, so I'm working on that. I trust her judgment. She's very smart and very organized."

Zuma breaks his arm

Hearts nearly stopped at the home of **Gavin Rossdale** and **Gwen Stefani** recently when their 2-year-old son **Zuma** took a tumble off of a countertop, requiring a trip to the hospital, according to People magazine. "It was one of the worst nights of our lives," Rossdale says. "He's fine now. It's almost worse for us." Zuma was treated for a broken arm.

Klum bares all

Now 38 years old and a mother of four, **Heidi Klum** still isn't afraid to let it all hang out. The supermodel reportedly went nude for an ad campaign for the new season of her series, "Project Runway," according to the Hollywood Reporter. **Nancy Dubuc**, the head of "Project Runway" network Lifetime Television, says a nude Klum will help the network convey a new message of "brazen, strong, confident and sexy" women.

Klum

Negotiations almost over

Well, here's one contract negotiation that's gone better than expected for **Charlie Sheen**: After months of bitter fights, he and ex-wife **Brooke Mueller** have reportedly reached an agreement for custody of their twin sons, Bob and Max, according to Us Weekly. They are said to be "satisfied" with the terms, which weren't disclosed. Hopefully there's money set aside for future shrink visits for those poor kids.

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▶ Does Sheen look satisfied to you?

Attack of the minis at the MTV Movie Awards

Here are the highlights from Sunday's MTV Movie Awards: Host **Jason Sudeikis** pretty much bombed; presenter **Justin Timberlake** cupped the breasts of **Mila Kunis**, who, in turn, grabbed his crotch, an inebriated-seeming **Robert Pattinson** dropped an F-bomb, "Twilight" pretty much won everything in sight, **Justin Bieber** didn't walk the red carpet but dropped by for a "surprise" appearence (gag), MTV Generation Award winner **Reese Witherspoon** told the audience that "it's totally possible to be a good girl – I'm going to try to make it cool" and **Gary Busey** rolled onstage in a giant hamster ball. All in all, just another award night for MTV.

Despite the scattershot night, one thing remained constant on the red carpet: All the starlets were showing off their gams. We round up the leggiest:

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▶ ... and cough.

Emma Watson in Marchesa

Kristen Stewart in Balmain

Reese Witherspoon in Vivienne Westwood

Emma Stone in Bottega Veneta

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The feed ...

▶ Checking in with some of Hollywood's biggest names to see what they've been up to — in their own words, in 140 characters or less.

Russell Crowe can't stand the rain, Paris Hilton is in transit, Lindsay Lohan is a fan and Conan O'Brien is having trouble remembering things.

▶ **@russellcrowe**
In soggy London today. Was planning a walk around Hyde Park, might get some sleep instead.

▶ **@ParisHilton**
Bye Spain! Love you! Taking off back to LA!

▶ **@lindsaylohan**
I love reese witherspoon sooooo much!!!!

▶ **@ConanOBrien**
All right, who keeps throwing empty beer cans in my pool and erasing my memory?

O'Brien

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"When you're by yourself, it's really hard to give yourself the permission to part with your stuff," warns Wade, who recommends having a girlfriend around for the process. "Like with your closet – sometimes you think a shirt looks really cute and your friend is like, 'What are you thinking?'"

Clean out your makeup

If your makeup bag is bursting with multiple purple lip glosses, crumbling blushes and too-dry mascaras, it's time for a clean out. As one of the services in her company Cheek to Chic (www.cheek-tochic.com), beauty expert and La Prairie Colour Ambassador Raychel Wade teaches women how to streamline their beauty stash. We get a crash course.

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"The first step is to literally take every makeup item from every part of your life — whether it's your bathroom, purse, makeup bag, travel bag — and put it all in one big pile," says Wade.

▶ Divide ...

Next, divide your makeup into categories, such as lips, and then divide those into subcategories, such as gloss, lipsticks, lip liners and lip balms. "From there, it's really easy to eyeball the excess," she assures. "Many times, someone will have three or four mascaras and they'll say, 'Oh, I got that as a gift with Estee Lauder' or 'A friend gave that to me.' Before they know it, they've got four mascaras but they're only using one. People don't realize they've [collected so many]; it's kind of eye-opening."

▶ ... and conquer!

"Eliminate those gifts with purchase, the glitter you bought for Halloween or the trend that was on two years ago and is completely faded," says Wade. From what's left, ask yourself: "What are your go-to products? What do you actually wear everyday? What do you not wear? What do you want to start wearing but you don't know how?" Then start tackling that stuff. If you have a bright blush you don't know how to use, for instance, take it to the beauty counter and learn. "By the time those things are done, it's pretty surprising what's left," Wade says.

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TV watch list

'The Voice'

REALITY. The singing competition will prove whether or not it really can give "American Idol" a run for the reality talent show crown when "The Voice" switches over to live episodes, and viewers decide the fate of the remaining contestants.
9 p.m., NBC

'Hook, Line & Dinner'

REALITY. "Seafoodie" Ben Sargent travels the country searching for our waters' finest dinner offerings. His trek starts tonight in Bayou Country, where he looks for crayfish and catfish.
Series premiere, 10:30 p.m., Cooking Channel

CHRIS HASTON/NBC

▶ Cee Lo Green and the other judges have had their say; now viewers choose who remains in the competition when "The Voice" begins airing live episodes tonight.

MYLES ARONOWITZ/USA NETWORK

▶ Matt Bomer stars as Neal Caffrey in "White Collar."

'White Collar'

DRAMA. Are the intentions of ex-con Neal as good as his sense of style? At the end of last season, his FBI partner, Peter, suspected him of a major art heist. Season 3 kicks off with Neal trying to regain Peter's trust, all while proving he's still got a few tricks up his designer sleeve.
Season premiere, 9 p.m., USA

'Covert Affairs'

DRAMA. Season 2 kicks off, and Ben goes missing. You'd think he wait around for a few episodes before disappearing, sheesh.
Season premiere, 10 p.m., USA ● AMBER RAY

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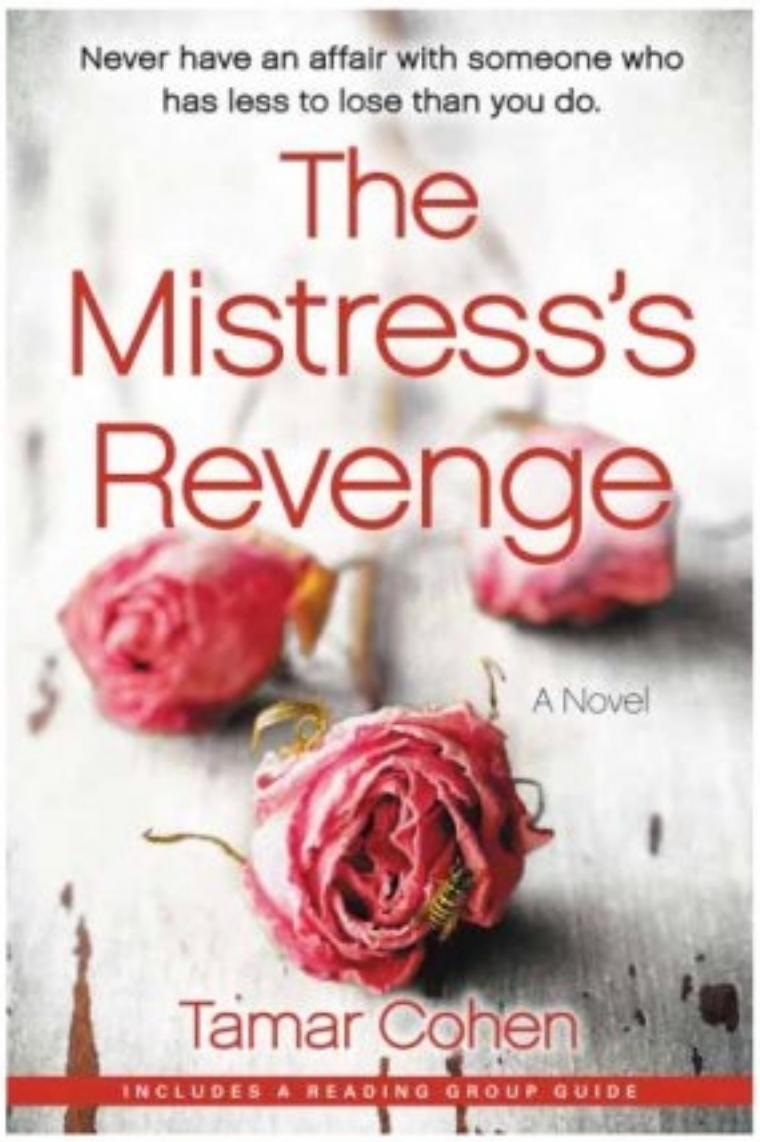
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When the other woman becomes the crazy one

Sally and Clive had a passionate, five-year fling Problem is, they were married to other people — and Sally goes 'spectacularly off the rails' when it ends Tamar Cohen on her darkly funny debut, 'The Mistress's Revenge'

During their five-year relationship, Clive told his lover Sally that he'd rescue her from the pain of middle-age. Her loveless marriage, annoying kids and money troubles would be forever forgotten once they were able to be together. But instead of happily-ever-after-the-divorce, Clive breaks it off with Sally to be with his family. Dumped, Sally unravels and starts to do some not-very-sane things as detailed in author Tamar Cohen's sharp, darkly funny, and disturbing debut, "The Mistress's Revenge."

Who was your favorite character to write?

My favorite character is Sally. I know she's mad and does terrible things but there's something raw about the honesty of her. I have had a couple of friends going through things like this; she shows the way people lose all sense of perspective and act completely out of character. Anyone who deals with rejection is going to feel things like that but very few people go to the extent she does.

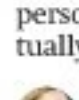
You're a married freelance writer living at home, just like Sally. Does "The Mistress's Revenge" ever worry your husband?

He thought it was funny. He kept laughing. It was important for me to make her quite funny, but she's quite horrific as well. I think a few passages cut a little bit close to the bone. A couple of things would make him go, "Oh, come on. It's going to have people imagining it's you!" I explained that, "Just because I'm writing it in the first person doesn't mean it's actually me and you."

Q&A

Clive is quite the charming, powerful jerk, isn't he?

Yes, he is. Every scumbag in power is usually quite charming. And it's the way he rejected her that made her unravel. Her relationship with her husband is crumbling, her future isn't looking bright — and add into the mix the person who rejects her in a brutal way. It makes her go spectacularly off the rails.



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When mobile phones revolt

And you thought a dropped call was bad Try the robot uprising — and the death, destruction and near annihilation of the human race that comes with it — in Daniel H. Wilson's new thriller 'Robopocalypse'

Although the robots in his new thriller "Robopocalypse" attempt to decimate the human race in the bloodiest ways possible, author Daniel H. Wilson still has a sweet spot for the heartless killing machines. "I love robots," he says (Wilson earned a Ph.D. in robotics from Carnegie Mellon). "To me, I feel like they're really the good guys."

Good guys don't normally kill off and enslave the human race, though, right?

Wilson laughs, admitting that yes, robots — especially those who unite to fight us in the robot war as envisioned in "Robopocalypse" — can be a bit frightening. "We rely on technology more than ever; and the more we're dependent on it, the scarier it is," he says. "What if all of our technology stopped working and it turned against us? I'll admit — that's pretty scary."

Scary, but also a tempting scenario for a movie adaptation — which is currently in the works with Steven Spielberg set to direct.

"The book was optioned by DreamWorks, and he's publicly announced he's going to direct. It's news so good that I have to focus on just the book for now because if, for some reason, it doesn't go through, it would crush my soul," Wilson laughs. "But everything is going according to schedule. They're creating an amazing ecosystem of robots. It's amazing to see this thing you've come up with created by really talented artists."

Amazing — as long as those robots don't get any big ideas.

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▶ Daniel H. Wilson says the huge buzz around "Robopocalypse," out today, has been incredibly surprising. "I'm utterly floored by it," he says.

Quoted

"We rely on technology more than ever; and the more we're dependent on it, the scarier it is."
DANIEL H. WILSON

Hardest goodbye

So, if one of Wilson's machines just stopped working forever (not to mention tried to kill and/or enslave him), which would he be most bummed about?

"I don't like driving, and I always feel like I'd be better off without a phone, but I'm really sentimental about this little scooter from the late '70s I have. And on the rare day we get some sun in Portland, there's nothing better than getting on it and feeling the wind in my face."

In the news

The scoop on Crichton's posthumous novel

Late author Michael Crichton, whose novels have been adapted into movies such as "Jurassic Park," will have a new posthumous novel "Micro" published on Nov. 22, publisher HarperCollins announced.

Crichton had only written a third of the thriller when he died of cancer in November 2008. Writer Richard Preston, best known for such scientific suspense novels as "The Hot Zone" and "The Cobra Event," was chosen by the publisher and the Crichton estate to complete the novel, the publisher said.

"Micro" is about graduates students working in Hawaii for a mysterious biotech company. They end up cast out into the rain forest and forced to fend for themselves with only their scientific expertise and wits to protect them.

Besides the unfinished manuscript, Preston also had access to the outline, a bibliography of nearly 100 books and DVDs, as well as notes and research.

"I was driven by a desire to honor the work and imagination of one of our time's most visionary and creative authors," Preston said in a statement.

Crichton was diagnosed with lymphoma in 2008 and died that same year at the age of 66. He is perhaps best known for "Jurassic Park," for which he also adapted the screenplay that was directed by Steven Spielberg. REUTERS

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▶Crichton in 2003

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When is Obama responsible?

"DON'T FORGET – IT'S BUSH'S FAULT": I am the first one to jump on the "bash Bush" bandwagon, and believe me it is a perpetual ride; but to continually blame Bush for the constant economic flux is getting to be a bit redundant. If the Obama administration cannot come up with policies and economic agendas that will counter everything that the former president did, then I would say it then becomes the problem of the current administration. **MICHAEL WIMMS, WILLOW GROVE**

Obama did not "inherit" anything from Bush. He campaigned for the job of the presidency and all that comes with it (good and bad). No other president or supporters of past presidents have ever blamed their predecessor for their predicament as has this one. **D. CANCELMO, VIA E-MAIL**

Palin mistake: The mass media

RE: "PALIN REWRITING HISTORY – ONE TOUR GAFFE AT A TIME": Yes, many of us have heard of the ride of Paul Revere to warn the colonists that the British were coming; the question is why they were coming. For your information, they were coming to seize the colonial stores of gun powder. Funny how many in the media can overlook incontinent truths if it serves their purposes of mocking a politician they dislike. **JACK ATKINS, VIA E-MAIL**

With the media tripping all over themselves to cover Palin's look-at-me tour, I commend Metro for opting to capture her schtick with this fun headline. Palin reads like a cartoon character who will exploit whatever it takes, including facts, to get her mug in front of the camera. **SOPHIA DEMAS, PHILADELPHIA**

I would like to thank Metro for the well-written article that appeared in your paper today regarding the anniversary of D-day ... oh wait, there wasn't an article. But I did learn all about Prince Williams' hat selection, though. No wonder Sarah Palin keeps making historical errors: She's obviously reading the Metro! **GORDON HALLETT, VIA E-MAIL**

Don't ask me to support you

RE: "GATES: CAN'T OPT OUT DUE TO DADA REPEAL": Gay servicemen and women fight for this country and, supposedly, its many freedoms. If gay soldiers who risk their lives every day don't have the right to serve openly, what are we fighting for? **AARON JASPER, VIA E-MAIL**

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Horoscope

♊ Gemini **May 21-June 20.** Don't try to detail something before you have the basics in place. The smaller pieces will slip in much easier if you establish the big picture first.

♋ Cancer **June 21-July 22.** Certain confidential information will eventually benefit you, but not until it is time to reveal the game plan. Prematurely disclosing what you know could cause a collapse.

♌ Leo **July 23-Aug. 22.** Rely on your own assessment of a situation instead of on the perceptions of others. When you decide to sift through relevant clues, you aren't likely to miss anything.

♍ Virgo **Aug. 23-Sept. 22.** One of your greatest talents is taking nominal information and being able to use the fine points to define what others are missing. You end up with truly worthwhile results.

♎ Libra **Sept. 23-Oct. 23.** What was initially intended to be a moderate gesture of goodwill toward you by a loved one could suddenly turn into something much grander than anybody ever anticipated.

♏ Scorpio **Oct. 24-Nov. 22.** If you are in need, know that you can turn to persons with whom you share strong emotional bonds for help or support. These wonderful friends will be there for you.

♐ Sagittarius **Nov. 23-Dec. 21.** Don't hesitate to paint your canvas with huge, bold strokes and bright colors. Your big ideas will be better than the smaller ones.

♑ Capricorn **Dec. 22-Jan. 19.** Although you might have to work hard for it, you could do better than ever, materially. Don't hesitate to put forth whatever effort is needed in order to score a big-time profit.

♒ Aquarius **Jan. 20-Feb. 19.** Without any hesitation, you'll take control of developments when you see those in charge faltering, but it will only be the right thing to do if you feel you can fare better than they.

♓ Pisces **Feb. 20-March 20.** A project that appeals to a number of people should meet with success, mostly because everyone involved is looking out for the other guy.

♈ Aries **March 21-April 19.** The best way to accomplish your purposes is to get in lockstep with a specific group that has the clout to make the changes you propose.

♉ Taurus **April 20-May 20.** Figure out ways to constructively restart something you already have in the hopper that has been stalled for far too long. The answers are there, if you'll seek them out. **BERNICE BEDE OSOL**

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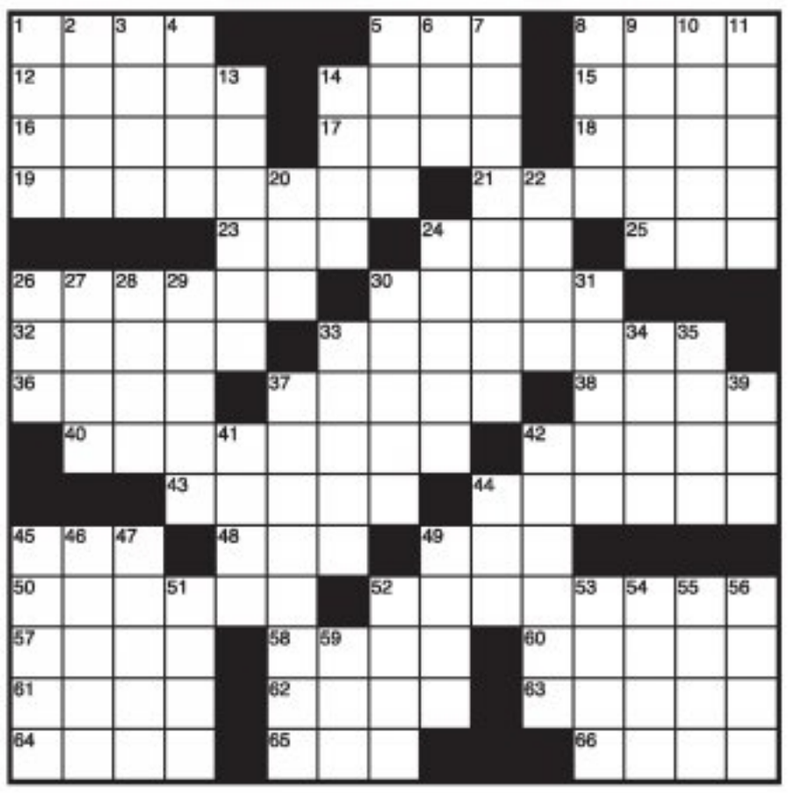

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The breakdown

Wide open for Plax

After 21 months in prison, one of the first things Plaxico Burress did was play a game of peek-a-boo with his two kids. It was an emotional reunion for Burress. Now, he's hoping that an NFL team will also give him a second chance.

"I'd like to thank all my fans all around the world for the thousands of letters, for their unwavering support," Burress said yesterday. "As far as football is concerned, if and when everything gets settled, when they get back on the field, I'll be ready."

His agent, Drew Rosenhaus, said all 32 NFL teams are in play, including his former team, the New York Giants. In the meantime, Burress will be training in South Florida.

Here are the most likely landing spots for the Super Bowl champion:

55 Career TDs for Burress, including seven in eight games against the Eagles.

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▶ Burress won a Super Bowl ring in 2008.

▶ **What we saw:** Burress knew a throng of reporters would be waiting as he exited prison and he chose to wear a throwback Phillies cap. Interesting maneuver.

▶ **What we know:** The Eagles are loaded at receiver — with DeSean Jackson, Jeremy Maclin and Jason Avant holding down the slot. They don't really need a guy with the potential baggage that Burress might bring. However, if the Vick signing told us anything it's that coach Andy Reid loves redemption stories. Burress would give the Eagles an instant red-zone threat, while proving a valuable mentor to young Riley Cooper.

ODDS: 5:1

▶ **What we saw:** Drew Rosenhaus made it a point to say that the Giants wouldn't be "ruled out."

▶ **What we know:** Brandon Jacobs, one of Burress' closest friends, said last week there is "no chance" the receiver would return to the Giants. Still, don't count it out. Several of Burress' former teammates have indicated they'd like to see him back in blue. Osi Umenyiora told ESPN that Burress is in "tremendous shape" and he could make an immediate impact. When you factor in the pressure on coach Tom Coughlin to win now, then a New York reunion might not be as crazy as some think.

ODDS: 15:1

▶ **What we know:** There can never be a discussion of aging, high-priced, former stars without bringing up Washington. Jeff George, Deion Sanders, Jeremiah Trotter, Albert Haynesworth and Donovan McNabb are proof of that. Last year, they briefly flirted with signing Terrell Owens. Burress, who turns 34 in August, certainly fits owner Dan Snyder's mold. The question is, will Mike Shanahan allow it?

ODDS: 10:1

▶ **What we know:** Rex Ryan would take a chance on a Lawrence Taylor comeback, if he thought it would help him win a Super Bowl. Since the Jets will most likely lose either Santonio Holmes or Braylon Edwards, Burress is a solid fit and could fill a legit need. And since the team has already inquired about 34-year-old Randy Moss, age doesn't seem to be a concern for the Jets and their win now motto.

ODDS: 7:1

▶ **What we know:** If you watched the Rams' receivers in their season-ending loss to the Seahawks, this is a no-brainer. The team's top target last season — at least in the red zone — was ex-Eagle Danny Amendola, and only once did a St. Louis wideout hit 100 yards in a game. Plus, there's already a relationship there. Head coach Steve Spagnuolo coached the Giants' defense when Burress was in N.Y.

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ANGELO CATALDI
THE VOICE OF THE PHILLY SPORTS FAN

PHILS REALLY NEED TO PUT FOOT ON GAS

Charlie Manuel doesn't look anything like a marathoner, but he sure is acting like one. The Phillies manager reached the 60-game mark last night, and he was barely breaking a sweat. Well, it's time he picked up the pace.

In this era of unprecedented prosperity, the Phillies have stifled the survival instincts of their far less talented predecessors. The 1980 champions were frenzied, with crazed competitors like Pete Rose and Tug McGraw. The 1993 runners-up were menacing with their Macho Row mentality. Even the 2008 winners were single-minded in their pursuit of every win.

These Phillies — many of whom were here for the parade three years ago — have so much faith in their superiority, they have yawned through the first 60 games. And if you're a true Phillies fan who lives and dies with every contest, this attitude is annoying.

Leading the jog is Manuel, a baseball lifer who should know better. On May 29, the skipper did the unthinkable. He rested Ryan Howard, Chase Utley and Carlos Ruiz from his already offense-deprived lineup all on the same day. The Phils had won the first two games of the series against the Mets, and, ho-hum, who needs a sweep anyway?

Since then, our baseball heroes have gone into a tailspin, losing two of three to the pitiful Nationals and the pathetic Pirates. Why? The only answers we get are that it's a marathon, not a sprint — as if a game lost in May or June carries any less weight than one in September.

The truth is, the Phillies have approached this season as a 162-game dress rehearsal for the playoffs. Why else would they make not one single acquisition to enhance an obviously weak offense? Why else would they use an infielder to pitch? Why else would they break the rhythm of a dominant Vance Worley to showcase an injured Joe Blanton?

Quoted

"The truth is, the Phillies have approached this season as a 162-game dress rehearsal for the playoffs. ... Unfortunately, it is looking more and more as if the dominance of these Phillies is more a mirage than a reality."

Unfortunately, it is looking more and more as if the dominance of these Phillies is more a mirage than a reality. Yes, Roy Halladay and Cole Hamels are performing like ace starters, but Roy Oswalt has been inconsistent and Cliff Lee has been downright ordinary.

Based on track records, the Phillies are still the favorites to make it back to the World Series, if not to win it all. Howard, Utley and Ruiz are all expected to rebound from starts that have them 40 or more points below their 2010 batting averages, and Lee is bound to reel off a streak of great starts.

Until then, however, you can count me among the wary. By moving so slowly in May and June, the Phillies could be running for their lives in September.

– **Angelo Cataldi** *is host of 610 WIP's "Morning Show," which airs weekdays 5:30 to 10 a.m.*

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Sweet irony for Big Red

Andy Reid has been consistent in one thing in his 13 years as Eagles coach. He has supported his players blindly and without exception.

That's why his decision to declare his support for the owners in the endless lockout wasn't just surprising, it was stupid. Through a spokesman — what, you were expecting him to make himself available? — he broke ranks with the NFL Coaches Association on its endorsement of the players' position.

Reid didn't have to take sides; no one was asking. So why did he? What was he hoping to accomplish, other than to shine the boots of his billionaire boss, Jeff Lurie? Did he consider how much more difficult his job will be when his players return?

I was covering the Eagles when coach Buddy Ryan openly mocked his own boss, Norman Braman, and threw his loud support behind his players during a similar labor dispute. The players loved him for it.

No one is asking a company man like Andy Reid to do the same thing. But the coach went out of his way last week to align with the owners, and he will come to regret that when the lockout ends.

When in doubt: Boo them

With two of our major sports in their offseasons and a third locked out, these are dry days for Philly fans. If you don't root for the Phillies, chances are you're not rooting for anyone.

But that doesn't mean you can't root against people, does it? Philadelphia is better at rooting against people than any city in America. I've lost count of how many fans have told me the first two words their child learned were "Dallas Sucks." And let's be honest. Who among us isn't reveling in the financial plight of the Mets?

The team most deserving of our negative energy is the Miami Heat, a collection of preening punks led by the poster boy for arrogance, LeBron James. The Heat's collapse in Game 2 was the single best moment of the entire season.

Here are a few more people we should rally against, just for the fun of it. I wish Boston goalie Tim Thomas nothing but grief in the Cup finals; he used up all his luck versus the Flyers. I hope the NFL owners lose their battle with the players, though I doubt they will. Nobody ever should root for billionaires.

Finally, we should always keep a boo handy for Scott Rolen, Jayson Werth, J.D. Drew and, yes, Donovan McNabb.

▶ Ryan Howard and the World Series favorite Phillies are sleepwalking through the 2011 season.

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More idle thoughts from Cataldi ...

1 Catch 22. Hey, I know the media misses football, but this obsession with covering informal workouts is absurd. Last week, 10 reporters showed up to cover a game of catch between Mike Kafka and Jeremy Maclin. The story they should be covering is, where are the rest of the players?

▶ Maclin

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2 Who cares? Another story I don't need is the parade of prospects visiting the Sixers. All but one of these guys will *NOT* be on the team. How many times do I need a kid to say how much he wants to play here? What is he supposed to say, he doesn't?

3 Money matters. Don't fret over the debt problems of the Phillies. All it means is that they're trying really hard to put out a good product. If the players and manager were trying as hard, the Phils would be 10 games up in the NL East.

4 Keith the Great. I know I'm biased, but the next great network analyst made his studio debut on NBC. His name is Keith Jones, the Flyers color commentator and my partner for close to a decade on WIP. He's a terrific broadcaster, and an even better guy.

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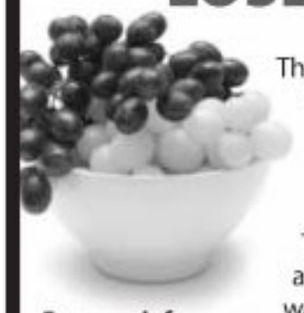

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2101 Barton Springs Rd., 512-867-3080, www.ci.austin.tx.us/parks/bartonsprings.htm

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Offering picturesque views of downtown Austin, Lady Bird Lake is perfect for canoeing and kayaking. Come back to the lake at dusk to witness North America's largest urban colony of Mexican Free-tailed bats make their nightly flight on the prowl for insects.

▶ The Capitol
Texas' state capitol is the second-largest in the U.S., only behind our nation's in D.C. The pink-hued building, completed in 1888, is open to the public for free daily tours. As you head up the building's rotunda, check out the Senate chamber and the Supreme Court Courtroom.
1100 Congress Ave., 512-305-8400, www.tspb.state.tx.us/spb/capitol/texcap.htm

Nightlife

Austin City Limits

Willie Nelson, Johnny Cash, Sheryl Crow and a slew of other stars have performed for the "Austin City Limits" TV show on PBS. For years, the performances were filmed in a Communications building on the UT campus; in February, however, the shows moved to their own space — the Moody Theatre, adjoining the W Hotel.
310 W. Willie Nelson Blvd., 512-225-7999, www.acl-live.com

The Continental Club

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